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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE <b>AUG 21 1961</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/6 - 26/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Illinois Central Railroad New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi July 9, 1961</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RM; CR</b>	

*FREE DOM RIDERS MISC.*

## REFERENCES

New Orleans teletypes to Bureau 7/9/61.  
New Orleans airtel to Bureau 7/11/61.

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## LEADS

All offices receiving copies of this report should check indices, credit and criminal records on Freedom Riders listed below where they reside, employed or attend school. Submit results of investigation to Bureau in letterhead memoranda (8 copies) suitable for dissemination with two copies for New Orleans. Caption letterhead memo same as this report.

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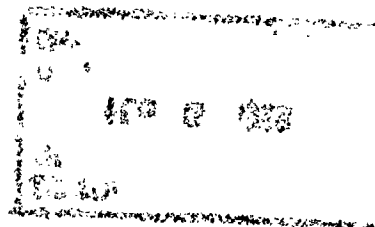
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BALTIMORE OFFICE

AT COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

[Redacted]

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

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NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom

Riders.

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An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

By airtel dated 7/11/61, the New Orleans Office forwarded to Bureau letterhead memos on Freedom Riders [redacted] who are [redacted] apparently Federal employees..

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: AUG 21 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

File Number: 157-332

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad  
New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi  
July 9, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Nine Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via ICRR at 10:10 AM, 7/9/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at ICRR Depot when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/10/61, and after NG pleas were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 7/11/61. Two released on bond on various dates.

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DETAILS:

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Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by [redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), New Orleans, Louisiana. On July 6, 1961, [redacted] advised SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY that eleven Freedom Riders were arriving in New Orleans, Louisiana, via airline on July 8, 1961, from Los Angeles, California, and would probably travel to Jackson, Mississippi, via Illinois Central Railroad, on July 9, 1961.

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On July 7, 1961, [ ] advised SA PRESLEY that there would be nine Freedom Riders leaving New Orleans, Louisiana, for Jackson, Mississippi, via Illinois Central Railroad, at 7:10 AM, July 9, 1961.

On July 7, 1961, this information was furnished to Lt. [ ] of the Louisiana State Police, and Captain [ ] of the New Orleans Police Department.

Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 8, 1961:

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, MHSP, Jackson, Mississippi;

[ ] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi;

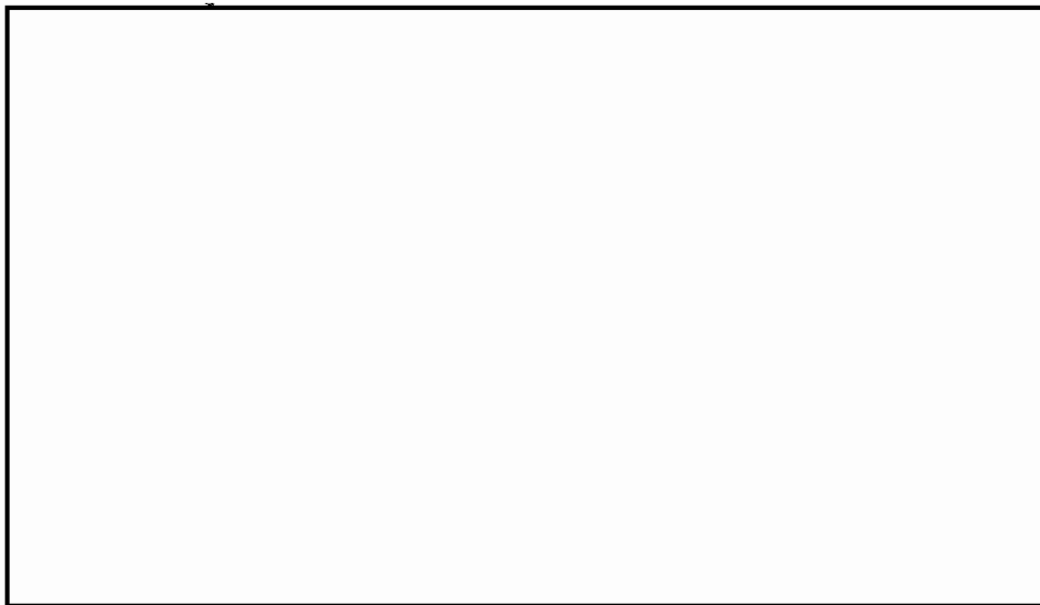
Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi;

J. ROBERT GILFOY, Sheriff, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi;

[ ] Special Agent, Illinois Central Railroad, Jackson, Mississippi.

Date 7/13/61

On July 9, 1961, at 7:10 AM, SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY observed the following individuals departing as Freedom Riders from New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi, aboard the Illinois Central Railroad Train "City of New Orleans," and they all were seated in Car 2615, which was Unit #9 on the train:

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On 7/9/61 at New Orleans, La. File # 157-332  
by SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY/eah Date dictated 7/10/61



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/13/61b6  
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At 10:10 AM, CST, July 9, 1961, Illinois Central Railroad Train "City of New Orleans" arrived in Jackson, Mississippi. Of the passengers getting off this train, a group of six Negro males, one white male, and two Negro females entered the white waiting room of the depot. They walked to a bench near the main entrance, where some took seats and others stood. Captain [redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, was observed to speak to the group. At 10:14 AM, he was heard to tell them they were all under arrest. The entire group was then escorted to a waiting Police Department patrol wagon by officers of the Police Department. There were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

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On 7/9/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-332  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/13/61

Date 7/13/61b6  
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The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi:

At 10:12 AM, six young Negro males, two young Negro females and one young white male were observed entering the terminal from the passenger loading platform along with other passengers that had just arrived at the station. These nine passengers entered the white waiting room and were immediately approached by Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department. Captain [redacted] asked the nine passengers if they would leave the white waiting room; following their declination to leave, they were escorted from the waiting room by officers of the Police Department and were lead to a patrol wagon parked at the terminal exit at 10:14 AM.

Though a number of civilians, both Negro and white, were present at the station, there was no demonstration or other unusual incident to report.

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On 7/9/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-332  
by SA [redacted] /eah Date dictated 7/9/61

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/13/61b6  
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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:20 AM, on July 9, 1961, by Captain [redacted] Police Department. PIERCE advised that this group of Freedom Riders had arrived at Jackson by train from New Orleans, Louisiana. They entered the white waiting room of the terminal and were ordered to move on by police officers. When they failed to obey the orders of the officer, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace and transported to the city jail where they were booked. PIERCE said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:

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Charge:

Breach of peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Miss.

Arizona

LA

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

Prior arrests:

Comments:

11th grade at Tucson High School

None

Member of CORE

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7/9/61On \_\_\_\_\_ at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-332by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/9/61

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

Comments:  
Prior arrests:

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:

[Redacted]

Angeles, California

7/9/61

Breach of peace

[Redacted]

Georgia

[Redacted]

High school; 2 year Trade Tech  
Junior College, Los Angeles,  
California

Member CORE  
None

*MISS.*

*LA*

[Redacted]

Los Angeles 37, Calif.

7/9/61

Breach of peace

[Redacted]


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Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:



12th grade; John Henderson  
High School, New Iberia, La.

Prior arrests:

None.

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:



Los

Angeles 37, California.

Date of arrest:

7/9/61

Charge:

Breach of peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

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Height:

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Eyes:

Hair:

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Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

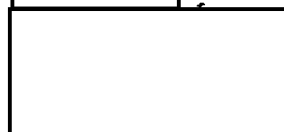
Education:



Texas

*MISS.*

Los Angeles



High school; 2 years at Los  
Angeles City College

Prior arrests:

Admits picketing Democratic

Convention at Los Angeles

Comments:

Member NAACP & CORE

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, California

Date of arrest: 7/9/61

Charge: Breach of peace

Race: [REDACTED]

Sex: [REDACTED]

Age: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Place of birth: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Weight: [REDACTED]

Eyes: [REDACTED]

Hair: [REDACTED]

Complexion: [REDACTED]

Build: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Marital status: [REDACTED]

Father: [REDACTED]

Mother: [REDACTED]

Education: [REDACTED]

Prior arrests: [REDACTED]

High school, Houston, Texas

Arrested PD, Houston, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] released to parents  
(no date)

Comments:

Member of CORE

Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED]

Los Angeles,

California

Date of arrest: 7/9/61

Charge: Breach of peace

Race: [REDACTED]

Sex: [REDACTED]

Age: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Place of birth: [REDACTED]

Texas

NO 157-332

Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Prior arrests:

None

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Maryland

Date of arrest:

7/9/61

Charge:

Breach of peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Washington, D. C.

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

High School; 2½ years Ohio  
Wesleyan University, Delaware,  
Ohio

Comments:

Admits picketing at Ohio  
Capitol, Columbus, Ohio  
(no date)

NO 157-332

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

Los Angeles,

California

Date of arrest:

7/9/61

Charge:

Breach of peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

[Redacted]

Ohio

Miss.

LA

[Redacted]

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

Prior arrests:

Comments:

[Redacted]

High school, Cleveland, Ohio

None

Member NAACP & CORE

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

Berkeley,

California

Date of arrest:

7/9/61

Charge:

Breach of peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

[Redacted]

Texas

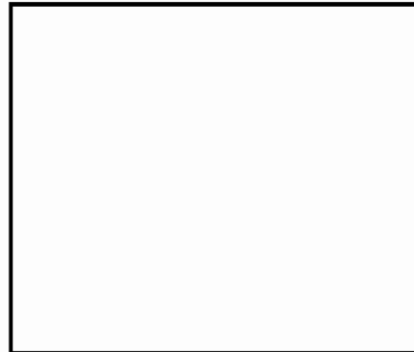
Miss.

LA



NO 157-332

Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

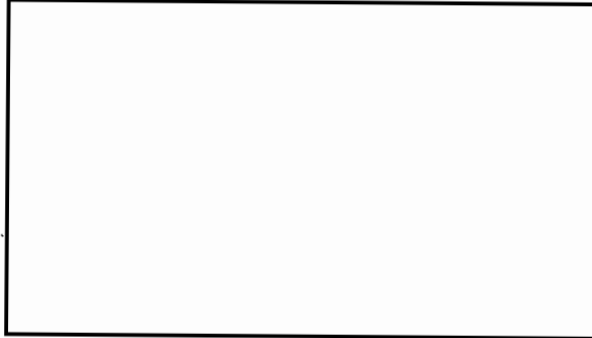


Prior arrests;  
Comments:

High school, 1½ years San Francisco City College  
None  
Member NAACP & CORE

Date 7/14/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 10, 1961:



PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

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On 7/10/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-332  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/10/61

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On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that all of the Freedom Riders arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot at 10:20 AM, July 9, 1961, were transferred from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961.

By communication dated July 13, 1961, the Phoenix Office advised as follows:

Records, Tucson, Arizona, Police Department reflect [redacted] was picked up on [redacted] at which time she was [redacted] years of age and she was admitted to [redacted] in Tucson. Records of this institution reflect [redacted] was picked up by the Tucson Police Department several times [redacted] or as a result of [redacted] Probation Officer [redacted] advised [redacted] known to her since [redacted] when she was admitted on [redacted] She was placed on probation until [redacted] advised [redacted] who lives with [redacted] in Texas. She stated [redacted] probation recently expired upon her [redacted] A sister of [redacted] advised [redacted] left alone for Los Angeles, California, on July 6, 1961, that an unknown woman had taken [redacted] to the airport, and an unknown member of CORE in Tucson had paid her way to Jackson, Mississippi, and return. [redacted] had left word that she was going where her friend, [redacted] was and that she would join a group of Freedom Riders at Los Angeles en route to Jackson, Mississippi.

On July 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that Freedom Rider prisoner [redacted] had been released on \$500 cash appeal bond July 19, 1961.

On July 26, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was released on \$500 cash appeal bond the night of July 25, 1961.

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Date: August 1, 1961

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Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (95-97032)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-264B)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

RM FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.

Re New Orleans airtel, 8/15/61.

The following are cumulative costs incurred in this case  
in the New Orleans Division as of close of business, 8/19/61:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>
Agents	981	58.33
Clerical	813	22.14
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Date: 8/21/61

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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 157-373

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS(157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS <sup>①</sup> FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.

On 8/21/61 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Miss. advised that the following FR Prisoners were released on \$500.00 cash appeal bond on 8/18/61:



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Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, HOUSTON 212040

FREEBUS. RE HO TEL AUGUST 18 LAST. ON AUGUST 18 LAST STATE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRANK BRISCOE ANNOUNCED HE WILL PROSECUTE ELEVEN "FREEDOM RIDERS" AND SEVEN PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ARRESTED UNION STATION RESTAURANT AUGUST 11 LAST. BRISCOE REPORTED AFTER OBJECTIVE STUDY HE WAS CONVINCED DEFENDANTS NOT ENGAGED IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND RESTAURANT NOT INTEGRAL PART OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE FACILITY. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REPORTED PICKETING BY LOCAL PYA MEMBERS MENTIONED IN RE HO TEL WAS IN PROTEST OF BRISCOE'S DECISION. ON AUGUST 19 LAST REMAINING SEVEN CALIFORNIA "FREEDOM RIDERS" AND FIVE OF SEVEN HOUSTON DEMONSTRATORS WERE RELEASED FROM HARRIS COUNTY JAIL ON \$500.00 BONDS. TWO HOUSTON PYA MEMBERS REMAINED IN JAIL. BRISCOE ANNOUNCED HE HOPES TO TRY CASES WITHIN TWO WEEKS. CALIFORNIA DEFENDANTS REPORTEDLY WILL REMAIN HOUSTON. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS. LA VIA AM.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)

DATE: 8/23/61

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-102)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISS.

7/20/61

RM; CR

**FREEDOM RIDERS MISC**

Re New Orleans airtel to San Francisco, 7/21/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for New Orleans two copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted] of Bradford, Pa., who was arrested at the Jackson, Miss., Municipal Airport, on 7/20/61, as a Freedom Rider.

No further investigation has been conducted by the Pittsburgh Office.

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- 2- New Orleans (Enc. 2)
- 1- Pittsburgh

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**ENCLOSURE**

Agency *2 on, on TCRD*  
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August 23, 1961



CANADA OHIO

The August 1, 1961, issue of the "Warren Times Mirror," a daily paper published at Warren, Pennsylvania, contained an article captioned, "Jailed Freedom Rider Tells of Experiences." The article is as follows:

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"One of 18 religious leaders who joined arecent Freedom Riders' caravan through Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, Rabbi Allen Lavine related some of his experiences for Rotary Club members Monday.

"The Bradford man, one of the chaplains at Warren State Hospital, was guest speaker at the service club's weekly luncheon-meeting in the YWCA activities building.

"With others in the party, Rabbi Lavine was given a four-month jail sentence and assessed a \$200 fine in Jackson, Miss., on a charge of disturbing the peace.

"He said he is presently out on \$500 bail, but no bondsman in the southern city would provide the bail when it was needed.

"When the group of clergy approached restaurants in the southern bus terminals, 'Restaurant Is Closed' signs would make their appearance, he stated.

"Rabbi Lavine said the worst treatment the group experienced was in Tallahassee, Fla. The Savarin Restaurant was ordered by New York headquarters to serve the Freedom Riders, some of whom were negro. City officials revoked the license of the eating establishment, and the speaker said it is still closed.

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ENCLOSURE



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"The Bradford guest said he thinks there is progress being made in Jackson, Miss. People there, he reported, were apologetic of their arrest of Freedom Riders and said they felt 'the negro's position must be improved as far as public service is concerned.'

"In spite of many opinions to the contrary, Rabbi Lavine expressed the belief the Freedom Riders have advanced the cause of desegregation.

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"He concluded with the statement 'the Freedom Riders are entirely peaceful agitators and offer no resistance, even when attacked."

On August 10, 1961, Chief A. J. PALAZETTI, Bradford, Pennsylvania, Police Department, advised that [REDACTED] had been in Bradford for approximately two years in charge of [REDACTED] in that city. Chief PALAZETTI stated that [REDACTED] is very active in community affairs and was recently appointed by Mayor JACK STILL of Bradford as a member of the Juvenile Advisory Board.

On the same date, Lieutenant [REDACTED] Bradford, Pa., Police Department, advised that he is a member of the Juvenile Advisory Board in the City of Bradford and as such has served with [REDACTED]. He described [REDACTED] as a person easily excited, particularly in matters regarding social reform, and a person who is inclined to become incensed over any inequality shown to any group of persons, whether this inequality was real or fancy.

On August 10, 1961, [REDACTED] Bradford, Pennsylvania, Credit Bureau, advised from her files that [REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED] and in November, 1959, was graduated from the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE 11-16-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW

URGENT 8-23-61 A 6-19 PM CST JWB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS

/100-3558

FREEDOM RIDERS MISC

RACIAL SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI, SIT DOWN ICRR STATION,

CLARKSDALE, MISS., RM. CLARKSDALE, MISS., PD ADVISES

AGE ABOUT YRS.,

AGE YRS., ADDRESS

CLARKSDALE, MISS., AND AGE YRS.,

ADDRESS RED, CLARKSDALE, MISS., AT APPROXIMATELY TWO TWENTY PM

TODAY APPEARED IN WHITE WAITING ROOM ILL. CENTRAL RAILROAD

STATION, CLARKSDALE, MISS., AND SAT DOWN. PD WAS NOTIFIED

AND ABOVE NAMED PERSONS WERE TAKEN TO PD WHERE PRESENTLY

HELD ON DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGE IN FAILING TO COMPLY WITH

ORDER OF POLICE OFFICERS TO LEAVE WHITE WAITING ROOM OF RAIL-

ROAD STATION. ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS REFUSED TO FURNISHED ANY

INFO, STATING THEY WERE AWAITING THEIR ATTORNEY. ATTORNEY

VICKSBURG, MISS., LAWYER, APPEARED AT

CLARKSDALE, MISS., PD WITHIN SHORT TIME AFTER ABOVE PERSONS

ARRIVED AT STATION. ATTORNEY AND CITY ATTORNEY VINCENT

J. BROCATO ARE PRESENTLY IN CONFERENCE. NO INFO OF ANY

VIOLENCE INVOLVED. AIRTEL AND DETAILED LETTERHEAD MEMO BEING  
SUBMITTED.

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Date: 8/24/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-786)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUSFREEDOM RIDERS MISC.

RE: Houston airtel to the Bureau, dated 8/21/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum bearing the caption "PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC., CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY." This letterhead memorandum includes all pertinent information developed in this case subsequent to referenced communication.

Two copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the Los Angeles Office for information.

One copy of this memorandum is being disseminated to CIC, U. S. Army, Houston, Texas.

Agency 2-2011-001-001

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(2 - 44-786 - FREEBUS)  
(1 - 157-151 - CORE)  
(1 - 157-179 - PYA)  
(1 - 80-284 - Dissemination File)  
(1 - 62-1364 Sub 4 - Racial Matters)

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HOUSTON:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will maintain contact with established sources and advise the Bureau of pertinent developments in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Houston, Texas

August 24, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

On August 21, 1961, the "Houston Chronicle" carried an article captioned "More freedom riders will be sent to Houston." This article reported that JAMES FARMER, President of the CORE organization, made a statement in New York that his organization would continue to support freedom rides until segregation was completely eliminated from public carriers. FARMER reportedly stated that more "freedom riders" would be sent to Houston within two weeks. FARMER reportedly stated the CORE organization was optimistic about the expected rulings from the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) but that CORE would insist the ICC withdraw charters of any transportation companies which supported segregation.

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

This article reported that District Attorney FRANK BRISCOE at Houston stated if additional freedom riders came to Houston they would be arrested and "could be subject to prosecution." BRISCOE reportedly stated that because of the type of lease involved, the Union Station Restaurant at Houston seems to be more for the benefit of the general public than train passengers and the owners of the railroad station building maintained no control over the restaurant.

Articles appearing on August 22, 1961, in the "Houston Chronicle" and the "Houston Press" reported that trials of the eleven California "freedom riders" and seven Houston "Progressive Youth Association" members on charges of unlawful

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RE: PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

assembly growing out of their arrests on August 11, 1961, had been set for August 31, 1961 in Judge GEORGE MILLER's County Court at Law. These articles reported District Attorney BRISCOE had agreed with defense attorneys on a quick trial because several of the defendants were from out of state.

On August 23, 1961, the "Houston Chronicle" carried an article captioned "~~Sit-in case is headed for Court of Appeals~~". This article reported that ROBERT JONES, who had been charged with loitering at the Union Station Restaurant on February 24, 1961, along with thirteen others, had originally been convicted in Corporation Court in Houston on March 24, 1961 and received a fine of \$25.00. JONES appealed this conviction to the County Court at Law. On August 22, 1961, JONES was again found guilty and received a fine of \$110.00 in the County Court at Law of Judge GEORGE MILLER. This article reported JONES' case has now been appealed to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin, Texas. This article also identified JONES as one of the defendants scheduled to be tried again on August 31, 1961, at Houston, Texas. Corrected

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# Memorandum

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DATE 11-16-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/24/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-286)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #T-2953; MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6:44 P. M., JUNE 2, 1961  
RM; CR

*0* FREEDOM RIDERS MISC

Enclosed for information of the Bureau are eight  
copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth trial dates for  
Freedom Riders involved in instant ride.

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- 1 - New Orleans

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New Orleans, Louisiana  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #T-2953  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
6:44 P. M., JUNE 2, 1961

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following Freedom Riders, who had been previously released on appeal bond, appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. Through their attorneys they entered a plea of not guilty. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

Date of trial

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/21/61

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FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-45748)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 7/16/61  
RM; CR

Agency *See encl. 1*  
Req. Rec'd *8-23-61*  
Date Forw. *8-23-61*  
How Forw. *RM*  
By *See encl. 1*

Re New Orleans airtel 7/19/61.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning MARY FREELON.

ALLAN FREELON was the subject of Bufile 100-335764, Philadelphia file 100-24001.

The records of the Orphans Court, Montgomery County, were reviewed by SA R. W. CHRISTENSEN.

The records of the Philadelphia Police Department and the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., were reviewed by IC

It should be noted that on 2/14/48 Captain [redacted] of the Philadelphia Police Department, inquired about MARY KOUZMANOFF, 2220 Catharine Street, Philadelphia, which was one of the addresses of ALLAN FREELON. KOUZMANOFF applied for a teaching position in the Philadelphia city schools. Captain [redacted] described her as about 30, white, born in Chicago. Her parents were born in Czechoslovakia. She was employed in the Department of Public Assistance.

## INFORMANTS

### Identity of Source

### Location

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- 2 - Bureau (Encis. 8) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-346) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-45748)
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- 1 - 100-24001 (ALLAN FREELON)

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The letterhead memorandum is classified ~~Confidential~~ because data furnished by the Confidential Informants could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness thereof.



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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. 100-45748

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
August 21, 1961

MARY FREELON

On July 16, 1961, officers of the Jackson, Miss., Police Department arrested a number of Freedom Riders, who were attempting to integrate the Negro waiting room at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Miss.

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One of those arrested was described as follows:

Name:	MARY FREELON, <del>NEE</del> KOUZMANOFF
Address:	Melvin Road, Telford, Pa.
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Date of Birth:	4/2/19, Bensenville, Ill.
Height:	5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	152 lb.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black, greying
Occupation:	Unemployed teacher

On July 28, 1961, the records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., and the Philadelphia Police Department were checked but no record could be located of MARY FREELON.

On January 5, 1954, Mrs. ELIZABETH MYERS, Clerk, Orphans Court, Montgomery County Courthouse, Norristown, Pa., made available marriage records for review, which reflected the following information:

Marriage Certificate Number 98125 was issued on May 23, 1953, to ALLAN R. FREELON, colored, and MARY KOUZMANOFF, white. These individuals were married on June 6, 1953, at New Hope, Bucks County, Pa. ALLAN R. FREELON listed a previous marriage from which he had received a divorce.

For some years prior to his death in August 1960, MRS. ALLAN RANDALL FREELON resided at Windy Crest, Melvin Road, Route 1, Telford, Pa. He was employed as a Special Assistant

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MARY FREELON

in Fine and Industrial Arts to the Associate Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, Philadelphia, Pa. FREELON was a well-known painter, who conducted art classes at his home and lectured at various schools.

The Confidential Informants mentioned below have all furnished reliable information in the past.

In March 1952, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that ALLAN FREELON was a member of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware from the early 1940s to the latter part of 1945.

ALLAN FREELON was connected with the following organizations, all of which have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

FREELON was a member of the Philadelphia Council of American-Soviet Friendship during 1944. This organization was an affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (T-2)

ALLAN FREELON was on the mailing list of the Philadelphia Council of American-Soviet Friendship during 1947. (T-3)

ALLAN FREELON was Co-Chairman of the American Youth for Democracy in Philadelphia, Pa., during November 1944. (T-4)

The Fall 1944 Catalog of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art reflected that ALLAN FREELON was a member of the Board of Directors of that School during 1944. The stationery of that school also reflected that he was a member of the Board of Directors. (T-5)

A circular announcing a mass meeting sponsored by the Council on African Affairs, to be held on March 29, 1946, at 2021 West Diamond Street, Philadelphia, Pa., listed ALLAN FREELON as one of the speakers. (T-6)

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MARY FREELON

ALLAN FREELON was a member of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress during 1950. (T-7)

A 1948 letterhead of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee listed ALLAN FREELON as one of the sponsors of that organization. (T-8)

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-363)

SUBJECT: Freedom Ride, 1961

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~~X~~ Trailways Bus  
Shreveport, La.  
To Jackson, Miss.  
8/4/61  
RM - CR

*Freedom Riders - Miss*

Re New Orleans airtel 8/17/61.

Enclosed are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum  
which is self-explanatory.

3 Bureau (Encls. 8) (~~RM~~)  
2-New Orleans

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FBI  
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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana  
August 21, 1961

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RE: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Shreveport, La.  
To Jackson, Miss.  
~~August 21, 1961~~

Major [redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's  
Office advised on August 21, 1961 that [redacted]

[redacted] were found guilty on August 21  
in District Court, Shreveport, Louisiana of Disturbing The  
Peace. All were continued on bond.

They are to appear in District Court on Wednesday,  
August 23, 1961 for sentencing.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE <b>AUG 21 1961</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/9 - 25/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi July 9, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RM; CR</b> <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-23-90 BY SP1/SGM 291829</b>	

## REFERENCES

Mobile tel to Bureau, 7/9/61.

New Orleans tels to Bureau, 7/9/61.

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## LEADS

All offices receiving copies of this report should check indices, credit and criminal records on Freedom Riders listed below where they reside, employed or attend school. Submit results of investigation to Bureau in letterhead memorandum (8 copies) suitable for dissemination with two copies for New Orleans. Caption letterhead memo same as this report.

APPROVED <i>H. E. Helgeson</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE: ④ - BUREAU 2 - CHICAGO 2 - NEWARK 2 - NEW YORK 3 - NEW ORLEANS (157-333)		157-387-1002X10 37 44-17831-76 REC-83 EX 101 3-22-61 FBI REC'D - CIA HIGH	

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5 cc to [unclear]

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CHICAGO OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

[Redacted]

NEWARK OFFICE

AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

Rutgers University..

[Redacted]

Douglas College,

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

[Redacted]

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

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An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:

SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

Office: NEW ORLEANS

AUG 21 1961

File Number:

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi  
July 9, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

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Eight Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via Trailways Bus, at 1:38 PM, 7/9/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at Trailways Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/10/61, and after NG pleas were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Miss. Code. All sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., 7/11/61.

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DETAILS:

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DATE 1-23-90 BY SP1ACUR

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information from the FBI, Memphis, Tennessee. By communication dated July 8, 1961, the Memphis Office advised that [redacted] Student Central Committee, Nashville, Tennessee, had advised that three Freedom Riders would depart Nashville, Tennessee, July 8, 1961, for Montgomery, Alabama. At Montgomery, they would reportedly join other Freedom Riders for travel to Jackson, Mississippi.

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By communication dated July 9, 1961, the Mobile Office advised that a group of eight Freedom Riders departed via Trailways Bus en route Jackson, Mississippi. They left Montgomery, Alabama, at 7:35 AM, July 9, 1961. According to information furnished by Mobile [redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Montgomery, Alabama, gave a press representative present at the Trailways Terminal at Montgomery a copy of a telegram reportedly sent Governor ROSS BARNETT from this group of Freedom Riders offering to meet with him to discuss issues and expressing willingness to be illegally jailed if settlement not reached.

Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 9, 1961:

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi;

Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi;

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, MHSP, Jackson, Mississippi;

[redacted] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi;  
[redacted] Trailways  
Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi.

Date 7/13/61

The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 9, 1961:

At 1:38 PM, Trailways Bus #5139, a regularly scheduled bus from Montgomery, Alabama, arrived at the Trailways Terminal. A group of six white males, one white female and one Negro female got off the bus. They stood in a group near the bus conversing amongst themselves. The Negro female left the group and went up to Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, who was present and spoke to him. She then returned and talked with the group. At this point, the Negro female and two white males walked into the white waiting room of the terminal. They walked toward the cafeteria in the waiting room and at the door to the cafeteria they stopped. Captain [redacted] entered the waiting room behind them and was observed to go up to the group and speak to them. He was heard to tell them twice, "You must move on." No one in the group responded and they all stood still. He then said, "You are all under arrest." At that point, uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department approached the three and spoke to them and, after making a few notes, escorted the three from the white waiting room into a waiting Police Department patrol wagon.

There were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

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On 7/9/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-333  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/9/61

Date 7/13/61

The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 9, 1961:

At 1:38 PM, Trailways Bus #5139 from Montgomery, Alabama, arrived at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi. Among the passengers leaving the bus were six young males, all apparently white, one young white female and one young Negro female. These eight passengers gathered in a group in front of Bus #5139 and conversed briefly with one another. The lone Negro female in the group then approached Captain [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, who was standing nearby, and engaged him in a brief conversation. She then returned to her group and the group broke up into two groups. The Negro female and two of the apparently white males left the other five passengers and headed toward the white passenger waiting room. The remaining five, one white female and four white males, entered the Negro waiting room.

The five passengers entering the Negro waiting room were observed to go to the lunch counter and the female and one of the males sat at the counter. Captain [redacted] approached this group of passengers and conversed briefly with them, he then left the passengers and the waiting room. Immediately as Captain [redacted] left the waiting room, the five passengers also left under the escort of officers of the Jackson Police Department.

At 1:42 PM, these five passengers were observed entering a police patrol wagon parked at the end of the passenger loading platform. Shortly thereafter, the other three passengers in the original group of eight were observed to also enter the patrol wagon.

Though there were a number of civilians, both Negro and white, on the loading platform and in the terminal, there were no demonstrations or unusual incidents observed.

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On 7/9/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-333  
by SA [redacted] eah Date dictated 7/9/61

Date 7/13/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:50 PM, on July 9, 1961, by Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department. PIERCE advised that this group of Freedom Riders had arrived at Jackson by bus from Montgomery, Alabama. They had split into two groups and had entered the white and colored waiting room of the terminal, and had been ordered by Captain [redacted] to move on. When they failed to obey his orders, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace and transported to the City Jail, where they were booked. PIERCE said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name: [redacted]

Jackson PD #: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted] Illinois

Date of arrest: 7/9/61

Charge: Breach of Peace

Race: [redacted]

Sex: [redacted]

Age: [redacted]

Date of birth: [redacted]

Place of birth: Illinois

Height: [redacted]

Weight: [redacted]

Hair: [redacted]

Eyes: [redacted]

Complexion: [redacted]

Build: [redacted]

Occupation: [redacted]

Marital status: [redacted]

Father: [redacted]

Mother: [redacted]

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On 7/9/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-333

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/9/61

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Education: High school; 3 years  
University of Chicago  
Prior arrests: (1) arrested New Orleans Police  
Department, 1960, for [redacted]  
[redacted] \$10.00 fine  
(2) picketing Woolworth - Chicago,  
City Hall, Chicago, Board  
of Education - Chicago  
(3) kneel-in, Deerfield, Ill.  
Comments: Member NAACP & CORE

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Name: [redacted]  
Jackson PD #: [redacted]  
Residence: [redacted] N. Y. 3,

Date of arrest: N. Y.  
7/9/61  
Charge: Breach of Peace

Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

[redacted]

*Ala.*  
*M. 55-*

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

[redacted]

High School, 4 years college

[redacted]

Other study at  
City College, N. Y., and  
Columbia University, N. Y.



NO 157-333

Prior arrests:

Admits picketing United  
Federation for Teachers  
Meetings at N. Y. C. in  
1960 and 1961

Comments:

Member NAACP & CORE

Name:

Jackson PD. #:

Residence:

Date of arrest:

Charge:

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

Prior arrests:

N. Y.

7/9/61

Breach of peace

N. Y.

High school, 4 yrs. at  
Brooklyn College, Brooklyn,  
N. Y.

Arrested Miami Beach, charged  
investigation - released, 1960

Arrested N. Y. C., 1956, charged  
- dismissed

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MISS  
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NO 157-333

Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD. #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED]  
N. Y.  
Date of arrest: 7/9/61  
Charge: Breach of peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]  
Place of birth: N. Y.  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]  
Build: [REDACTED]  
Occupation: Student, Brooklyn College  
Marital status: [REDACTED]  
Father: [REDACTED] *MR. MPS*  
Mother: [REDACTED]  
Education: 5 yrs. college  
Prior arrests: Arrested Statesboro, Ga., 1957  
[REDACTED] released

*MISS.  
Ala.*

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD. #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED]  
Illinois  
Date of arrest: 7/9/61  
Charge: Breach of peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]  
Place of birth: Indiana  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]

*MISS.  
Ala.*

NO 157-333

Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:

[Redacted]

Education:

High school, 3 yrs. college,  
Vassar College, Indiana  
University and University  
of Chicago

Prior arrests:

PD. Chicago - [Redacted]

Admits picketing Republican Conv.,  
Chicago; Peace march, picketing  
Woolworth Bldg.

Comments:

Refused to answer whether  
member of NAACP or CORE.  
Denied membership CP, USA.

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Name:  
Jackson PD. #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

Illinois

Date of arrest:

7/9/61

Charge:

Breach of peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Minnesota

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Illinois

Marital status

Stepfather:

[Redacted]

Mother:

[Redacted]

*Ala.  
Miss.*

NO 157-333

Education: 11th grade, Lakeview,  
Chicago, Illinois  
Prior arrests: None  
Comments: Admits: Peace March in Chicago,  
Illinois, 1961

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED] N. Y. C.  
Date of arrest: 7/9/61  
Charge: Breach of peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]  
Place of birth: Wisconsin  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]  
Build: [REDACTED]  
Occupation: Teacher, Douglas College,  
Rutgers University, New  
Brunswick, N. J.

*N.Y.  
A/2.  
Miss.*

Marital status: [REDACTED]  
Father: [REDACTED]

*Wis*

Mother: [REDACTED]  
Education: PhD, Columbia University  
Prior arrests: None  
Comments: None

NO 157-333

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:

Illinois  
7/9/61  
Breach of peace

Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

[Redacted]

Alabama

*NY  
Ala  
Miss.*

Marital status:  
Father:

Teacher, James Ward School,  
Chicago, Illinois

Mother:  
Education:

[Redacted]

4 yrs. college, University of  
Chicago

Prior arrests:  
Comments:

None  
Admits:

1. Sit-in Nashville, Tenn.,  
4/60
2. Picketing Woolworth's,  
Chicago (no date)
3. Civil Rights demonstration,  
Chicago, 1960
4. Youth March for Integration  
Washington, D. C., 1960
5. Picketing Woolworth's,  
N. Y. C., 8/60
6. Refused to answer whether  
member, NAACP, CORE, CP

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/14/61b6  
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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 10, 1961:



PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

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On 7/10/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-333  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/10/61

NO 157-333

On July 17, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that all the Freedom Riders arrested at the Trailways Bus Station, 1:50 PM, July 9, 1961, were transferred from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961.

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Date: 8/23/61

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-363)  
SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus,  
Shreveport, La. to Jackson, Miss.  
8-4-61  
RM - CR

*Freedom Riders - Misc*

Re New Orleans airtel 8/17/61.

Enclosed are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum  
which is self explanatory.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 8)  
2 - New Orleans

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ANS.  
BY: *DW/KC*

Re.

Agency *H. J. Davis Unit CRD*  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. *8/30/61*  
How Forw. *R/S*  
By *R/S*  
*1 cc org. unit*  
*2 cc's destroyed*

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Approved: *[Signature]*

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New Orleans, Louisiana  
August 23, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS,  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, AUGUST 4, 1961

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James Goslin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Shreveport, Louisiana, advised on August 23, 1961 that the following sentences were imposed on that date by District Judge Dixon on the 6 individuals who were arrested by local authorities at the Trailways Bus Depot, Shreveport, on August 4, 1961 when attempting to integrate the facilities of that depot:

[REDACTED]	\$200 and 30 days
[REDACTED]	\$200 and 3 months
[REDACTED]	\$200 and 3 months
[REDACTED]	\$150 and 30 days
[REDACTED]	\$150 and 15 days, suspended
[REDACTED]	\$150 and 15 days suspended.

LOUISIANA

Goslin advised that Judge Dixon had set bonds as follows:

[REDACTED]	\$500
[REDACTED]	\$750
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] in
	New Orleans, Louisiana
[REDACTED]	\$500
[REDACTED]	\$300
[REDACTED]	\$300

Goslin advised none of the defendants had made bond as yet and all were returned to Caddo Parish Jail in lieu of bond.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/24/61

FROM : *EEH/L* SAC, CLEVELAND (157-84)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama, to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 7, 1961  
RM; CR  
(OO: New Orleans)

*Freedom Ride - Misc*

Re report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, 8/10/61, at  
New Orleans.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead  
memorandum in captioned matter reflecting the  
results of a credit and criminal check on one  
ELMER L. BROWN, 857 Visson Avenue, Akron, Ohio.  
One copy of this letterhead memorandum is being  
furnished to New Orleans for information.

It should be noted that an indices check of the  
Cleveland Office failed to reflect any references  
identifiable with ELMER L. BROWN above.

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How Forw. *1 cc org. unit*  
By *2 cc destroyed*

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Cleveland, Ohio  
August 24, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 7, 1961

On August 18, 1961, [redacted]  
Akron Credit Bureau, Akron, Ohio, advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] that he was unable to locate credit rating for  
ELMER L. BROWN, 857 Visson Avenue, Akron.

Sergeant [redacted] Akron Police  
Department Identification Bureau, Akron, and [redacted]  
[redacted] Summit County Sheriff's Office Identification Bureau,  
Akron, advised SA [redacted] on August 18, 1961, they were  
unable to locate any record identifiable with ELMER L. BROWN.

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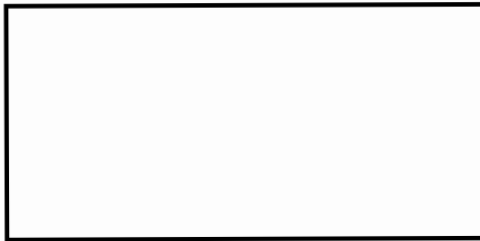
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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS 0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS  
RM

On 8/29/61 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County SO, Jackson, Miss., advised that on 8/29/61 the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bond returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, on 9/11/61:



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2 - New Orleans

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C. C. Wick

Approved: H. E. Ma  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. DeLoach\_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room\_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-NEW

~~FREEBUS. COP BOGGS SMITH, HAMMOND, LOUISIANA ADVISED THAT~~

AT NINE TEN AM SEPTEMBER ONE INSTANT, HE ARRESTED

MALE, PASSENGER ON GREYHOUND BUS FOUR FOUR

FOUR FIVE AT HAMMOND BUS STATION WHEN ENTERED

NEGRO SECTION OF STATION RESTAURANT. ORDERED TO

MOVE ON BUT REFUSED AND WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGES DISTURBING

PEACE AND REFUSING TO LEAVE PREMISES. HELD IN HAMMOND CITY

JAIL. CLAIMS HE WAS ONE OF TWENTYFOUR PASSENGERS

WHO ARE MEMBERS OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE EN ROUTE

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. BUS WAS ON REGULAR RUN, NOT CHARTERED.

NO TROUBLE REPORTED AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI WHERE REMAINDER OF

GROUP NOTED TO BE ALL WHITE. BUS DUE IN MEMPHIS SEVEN

FIVE PM TONIGHT. CLAIMS TO BE GERMAN ALIEN. INS

NEW ORLEANS ADVISED. DESCRIBED AGE BORN 157-387-

INCHES,

POUNDS,

EYES,

HAIR

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Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

PM CST K

URGENT 9-3-61 6-32 PM CST KK

TO DIRECTOR , FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-264 1 P  
*Freedom Riders - Miscellaneous*  
FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM SEPT. THREE

NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED AT JACKSON, MISS. SINCE SEPT.  
TWO SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED  
ON BOND FROM MUNICIPAL COURT TWO SEVEN ZERO. RELEASED ON BOND FROM  
HINDS COUNTY COURT ONE. PAYED FINES SEVEN. RELEASED TO  
ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS  
CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE  
ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT  
ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF FINE AFTER WITHDRAWING APPEAL  
TWO. NET IN CUSTODY TWO EIGHT. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING  
AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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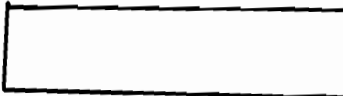
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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS / 157-264/ 1 P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM SEPT. TWO-  
*Freedom Riders - miscellaneous*  
NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED AT JACKSON, MISS. SINCE SEPT. ONE  
SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND FROM  
MUNICIPAL COURT TWO SEVEN ZERO. RELEASED ON BOND FROM HINDS  
COUNTY COURT ONE. PAID FINES SEVEN. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE.  
RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE.

RELEASED ON EXPIRATION ON SENTENCE ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU  
OF BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU  
OF FINE AFTER WITHDRAWING APPEAL TWO. NET IN CUSTODY TWO EIGHT.  
ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 157-140 *Freedom Riders - Miscellaneous*  
FREEBUS. RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS THIS

DATE. LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT

[REDACTED] REPORTER FOR COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS, INFORMED  
HIM THAT TWENTY THREE PASSENGERS ON GREYHOUND BUS FOUR FOUR FOUR FIVE  
ARRIVING IN MEMPHIS AT SEVEN FORTY FIVE PM, BEING FORTY  
MINUTES LATE, WERE CAMP COUNSELORS, ALL BEING FOREIGN BORN  
OF SWISS, AUSTRIAN, FRENCH, BRITISH, ISRAELI AND GERMAN NATIONALITIES.

[REDACTED] MEMPHIS, *TENN.* IS

HOSTESS AND HOST GROUP COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF UNITED COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
AND INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF MEMPHIS, REPUTABLE ORGANIZATIONS.  
GROUP TO REMAIN IN MEMPHIS HOMES UNTIL TEN FIFTEEN AM SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER THREE, WHEN GROUP WILL LEAVE BY GREYHOUND BUS FOR  
NEW YORK CITY. WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK CITY SEPTEMBER NINE AT  
SIX PM. IN VIEW OF NATURE OF GROUP, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING  
TAKEN, UACB.

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Mr. Evans  
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Miss Gandy

URGENT 9--1--61 5--44PM CST JC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-264

Freedom Riders - Miscellaneous  
FREEBUS, RM. NO FR TRIALS IN HINDS COUNTY, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,

TODAY. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, SEPTEMBER ONE.

NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED AT JACKSON SINCE AUGUST THIRTYONE.

SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED, TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND FROM HINDS  
COUNTY COURT, ONE. PAID FINES, SEVEN. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY, ONE.

RELEASED ON PROBATION, FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED, ONE.

RELEASED ON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE, ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN

LIEU OF BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT, ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN

LIEU OF FINE AFTER WITHDRAWING APPEAL, TWO. NET IN CUSTODY,

TWENTYEIGHT. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

NO FR PRISONERS REMAINING IN JACKSON CITY JAIL. 157-387-1008

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Mr. DeLoach	
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Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 1-P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, CST., SEPT., FOUR.

Freedom Riders - miscellaneous  
NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED AT JACKSON, MISS., SINCE SEPT THREE SUMMARY.

TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN, RELEASED ON BOND FROM MUNICIPAL COURT  
TWO SEVEN ZERO, RELEASED ON BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT ONE. PAID  
FINES SEVEN. RELEASE TO ATTORNEY ONE, RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR,  
RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE, RELEASED ON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE  
ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT ONE.

CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF FINE AFTER WITH-DRAWING APPEAL TWO. NET  
IN CUSTODY TWENTY- EIGHT. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC HOUSTON (44-786)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS *Of freedom*

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau, 8/24/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC. CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY." This dual caption was used because the activities reported all appear to involve both of these organizations.

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Two (2) copies of this memorandum are enclosed for Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions. Three copies are enclosed for New Orleans, one copy for the file pertaining to Southern Conference Educational Fund (New Orleans file # 100-759).

The source who furnished information received from [redacted] mentioned herein, is [redacted] [redacted] Houston, Texas, who furnished this information to SA [redacted]

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[redacted] identity has been concealed at his request.

The source used to document the SCEF is [redacted]

Indices of the Houston Office contain no references identifiable with [redacted]  
[redacted]

A review of recent reports submitted by the New Orleans Office in the SCEF investigation discloses that organization has been very active in supporting sit-in demonstrations and has protested arrests of students involved in attacks on segregation in some Southern states.

For the information of San Francisco, [redacted] mentioned above, suggested to [redacted] on [redacted] that she write to the Bay Area Students Committee for the Abolition of the HCUA at San Francisco in an effort to obtain more information concerning [redacted]

LEADS

LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

(1) Is requested to check office indices for any pertinent information identifiable with [redacted] mentioned herein.

(2) Is requested to alert available sources for any information that [redacted] may be active in that area in organizing his "freedom ride" to New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

(1) Will check office indices for any information concerning [redacted]

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(2) Will alert available sources for any information that the SCEF is planning to support a "freedom ride" to New Orleans from California or Texas.

SAN FRANCISCO:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

(1) Is requested to check offices indices in an effort to identify [ ] mentioned above.

(2) Will alert available sources for any information that [ ] may be active in that area in organizing a "freedom ride" to New Orleans.

HOUSTON:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will maintain contact with [ ] and other sources in an effort to develop additional information concerning the possible organization of a "freedom ride" from Houston, Texas, to New Orleans.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Houston, Texas

August 25, 1961

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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On [redacted] a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised he had received a telephone call on that date from a girl who identified herself to him as [redacted] a student at Rice University, Houston, Texas. Source had talked with [redacted] on several previous occasions but stated he had never met [redacted] and could not evaluate her reliability. Source advised [redacted] was one of a group of students arrested at the Union Station Restaurant, Houston, Texas, in approximately April, 1961, in connection with a sit-in demonstration organized by the Progressive Youth Association (PYA).

[redacted] related the following information to this source on [redacted]

On the evening of [redacted] while [redacted] was studying [redacted] an unknown white man approached her and stated his name was [redacted] (phonetic). This individual had in his possession a Rice University library card and [redacted] believed that this card identified him as a student or perhaps an instructor at the Baylor University Medical School. [redacted] informed her he was [redacted] at Baylor

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University Medical School but had only been in Houston for about two weeks.

[ ] asked [ ] if she would be interested in participating in a "freedom ride" to New Orleans, Louisiana. [ ] was surprised by the suddenness of this question and she asked [ ] for more details about himself and the proposed demonstration. [ ] was very evasive about his own identity. He stated that he was with an organization but this organization was in "disrepute" and therefore he would not divulge its name. [ ] stated that his organization had already arranged for lawyers and for bonds for any demonstrators who might be arrested in New Orleans. [ ] stated that he had been in contact with representatives of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) at New Orleans but he implied that his organization was not CORE.

[ ] informed [ ] he wanted her to try and get several people together and meet with him at the YMCA building near the Texas Southern University campus at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 20, 1961. [ ] stated he would try and have other people there at the same time. He stated he hoped to get a "freedom ride" organized at that time, that he would then "disappear" and that the various participants would meet again just before the ride. [ ] would not give [ ] a final answer but indicated she would probably meet with him.

Source stated [ ] asked [ ] whether he knew any of the local people at Houston. [ ] then displayed a piece of paper on which several names were written. The only names [ ] could remember were [ ]

On May 11, 1961, the "Houston Post" carried an article captioned "Rights Group Controversial for 40 Years," pertaining to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In this article Ben Levy, Houston



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attorney; was identified as president of the Houston chapter of the ACLU. Levy was quoted as saying he and another Houstonian organized the Houston chapter of the ACLU in 1957 and this chapter had approximately 200 members in May, 1961.

On August 22, 1961, the above source furnished the following additional information which he had received from [redacted] on

On the latter date, [redacted] informed [redacted] that he was originally from California and had been very active during the riots in San Francisco which grew out of the hearings held by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. [redacted] also stated he had previously resided in [redacted] and had attended Tulane University. On this occasion [redacted] stated "I won't tell you the name of my organization because it is in disrepute, but the initials are SCEF."

In connection with the above statement, source stated that he felt confident [redacted] was referring to the Southern Conference Educational Fund with headquarters in New Orleans, Louisiana, inasmuch as this was a rather well-known organization which was frequently referred to by the letters "SCEF."

A characterization of the Southern Conference Educational Fund is set out as an appendix hereto.

[redacted] related the meeting on [redacted] was a disappointment to [redacted] inasmuch as only a few people were present and they were not enthusiastic about a trip to New Orleans. It was her opinion that this meeting was actually designed by [redacted] to stimulate more interest in the PYA at Houston inasmuch as [redacted] insisted that all present should become active in the PYA. [redacted] declined to attend PYA meetings and stated she felt after the above meeting that

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[ ] would not be successful in organizing a "freedom ride" from Houston to New Orleans.

On the above occasion, [ ] stated that he had to return to California [ ] and he had hoped to get a group organized for a trip to New Orleans before he left for California.

[ ] furnished the following physical description of [ ] to source:

Name:

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Height:

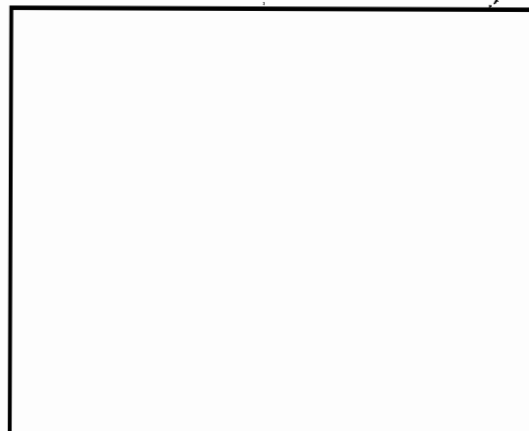
Weight:

Build:

Hair:

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Peculiarity:



## A P P E N D I X

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern People in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 18, 1960, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, CP members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the CP on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years, certain CP members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further CP principles.

On May 18, 1960, the source advised that in the past, he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a communist, if not an actual CP member, because he followed communist principles.

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The source also advised on May 18, 1960, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/25/61

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-378)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6/25/61  
RM; CR

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Date Forw. 9-7-61  
How Forw. WJH  
By WJH

OO: New Orleans

Re Los Angeles airtel and letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated 6/27/61, captioned "FREEBUS; RM; CR" and report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 7/26/61 at New Orleans, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum, two copies of which are designated for New Orleans, showing the results of identification, credit and scholastic checks, where pertinent, on those individuals from Los Angeles named in referenced report.

Subversive data on [redacted] is set forth. Subversive data on [redacted] was set forth in referenced letterhead memorandum dated 6/27/61.

On 8/8/61, the photographs of [redacted] which were forwarded with referenced report, [redacted] were exhibited to PSI [redacted] (conceal), who has furnished reliable information in the past and he advised that they are identical with [redacted] who are Security Index subjects of the Los Angeles Office.

The Los Angeles indices contains no subversive or criminal information identifiable with others from Los Angeles named in referenced report.

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(U) The source for [redacted]  
Socialist Workers Party affiliation, is [redacted] ~~C~~  
The source for [redacted] employment  
is [redacted]  
[redacted]  
who is concealed per his request..

(U) Attached letterhead memorandum is classified  
~~confidential~~ because [data reported from [redacted]] could  
reasonably result in identification of confidential  
informant of continuing value and compromise effectiveness  
thereof.

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Los Angeles, California

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The records of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department disclosed that the below named freedom riders from Los Angeles, California were among those arrested at Jackson, Mississippi on June 25, 1961. Following each name is the Los Angeles address and date and place of birth furnished by the individual to the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department.

The files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association (RMCA), Los Angeles, California, were caused to be checked on August 9, 1961 by SE [REDACTED] The identification files of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO) were caused to be checked on August 16, 1961 by IC [REDACTED] The results of the credit and identification checks at Los Angeles are set forth under each name.

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California, born [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Louisiana

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Credit Record:

RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

Identification Record:

The identification files of the LASO contained no record on [REDACTED]

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The identification files of the LAPD disclosed that [redacted] Los Angeles, California (LAPD Booking [redacted] born [redacted] Los Angeles, California, was arrested on December 26, 1960, Los Angeles on suspicion [redacted] Bail was set at \$35. Charges were dismissed and he was released on December 28, 1960.

Education:

The records of the [redacted] 743 South Grandview Street, Los Angeles, California, were checked on August 18, 1961 and they disclosed that [redacted] born [redacted] Louisiana, was enrolled in [redacted] in 1958, 1959 and 1960, [redacted]

These records reflect that [redacted] is a graduate of the San Marcos, Texas High School in 1958. He listed his parent as [redacted] New York.

In March, 1961 in response to an inquiry by [redacted] [redacted] wrote him in care of the International Cooperative Administration, USA Operation Mission to Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The letter indicated that [redacted] had withdrawn from classes on or about October 18, 1960, giving financial pressures as the reason and the school had no knowledge as to his whereabouts.

These records further reflect that [redacted] [redacted] is registered for Selective Service with Local Draft Board #81, Shreveport, Louisiana, Selective Service [redacted] He listed the person to notify in case of emergency as [redacted] Louisiana.



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Socialist Workers Party (SWP) Affiliation:

(U) An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 10, 1961 that [redacted] California, joined the SWP, Los Angeles on April 26, 1961 and attended a SWP meeting in Los Angeles on June 7, 1961.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted]  
[redacted] California, born [redacted]  
[redacted] Ohio

*M. S.*

Credit Record:

RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with [redacted]

Identification Record:

The identification records of the LASO contain no record on [redacted]

The identification files of the LAPD disclosed that [redacted] born [redacted] in Ohio, student, was arrested at Los Angeles, on March 30, 1956 on a charge of violation of [redacted] [redacted] LAPD number is [redacted] He was released to his parents and not prosecuted.

Education:

On August 15, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] the Registrar, Admissions Office, Los Angeles City College, made available records, which disclosed that [redacted] born [redacted] Ohio, [redacted] enrolled in February, 1960 at Los Angeles City College, but withdrew before the

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semester closed. [redacted] listed his prior education as Central High School, Akron, Ohio and Hammel Business College, Akron, Ohio. He listed his father as residing at 1859 Virginia Road, Los Angeles.

[redacted]  
Los Angeles, California, born [redacted]  
[redacted] Iowa

Credit Record:

RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with [redacted]

Identification Record:

The identification files of the LASO and LAPD contained no record on [redacted]

Employment:

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 3, 1961, that [redacted] was employed until [redacted] as a teacher at [redacted] Los Angeles, [redacted] She taught through the end of the semester, but will not return there for the fall term. [redacted]

[redacted] California,  
born [redacted] California

Credit Record:

RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with [redacted]

Identification Record:

The identification files of the LASO and LAPD contained no record on [redacted]

The identification records of the New Orleans, Louisiana Police Department reflect that [redacted]

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a freedom rider out on bond from Jackson, Mississippi, was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on August 7, 1961 on the streets of New Orleans at 1:00 a.m. on a charge of [REDACTED]. The charge was dismissed in Municipal Court on the same day.

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California, born [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Louisiana

*M. S.*

Credit Record:

RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

Identification Record:

The identification files of the LASO and LAPD contained no record on [REDACTED]

Education:

On August 15, 1961, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Admissions Office,  
Los Angeles City College, made available records, which disclosed that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, enrolled at Los Angeles City College in September, 1960 and withdrew in February, 1961. He listed his birth date as [REDACTED] Louisiana. His address was later changed to [REDACTED] Los Angeles. He listed [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] Los Angeles as the person to notify in case of emergency. He was listed as a graduate of Freemont High School, Los Angeles in June, 1960. [REDACTED] withdrew from Los Angeles City College after being placed on scholastic probation. He had two "D's" and the rest of his grades were "C's."

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California, born [REDACTED]  
Haynesville, Louisiana

*M. S.*

Credit Record:

RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

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Identification Record:

The identification files of the LASO and LAPD contained no record on [REDACTED]

Education:

On August 15, 1961, [REDACTED] Admissions Office, Los Angeles City College, made available records, which disclosed that [REDACTED]

California, entered Los Angeles City College at the spring semester, 1961, but withdrew before the semester closed because she [REDACTED] Her birth date was listed as [REDACTED] Louisiana and she was a graduate of Freemont High School, Los Angeles in January, 1961. Her parents were listed as [REDACTED] California.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California, born [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Virginia

*M. S. S.*

Credit Record:

RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

Identification Record:

The identification files of the LASO contained no record on [REDACTED]

The identification files of the LAPD disclosed that [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] in Virginia, was arrested on October 2, 1959 on a charge of violation of Section 10851 of the [REDACTED] He was released to [REDACTED] He was then a student at Freemont High School, Los Angeles. His LAPD Booking Number is [REDACTED]

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Education:

[redacted] Child Welfare  
and Attendance Section, Los Angeles City Board of Education,  
Los Angeles, California, advised on August 10, 1961, that  
[redacted] Los Angeles,  
born [redacted] is a student at Freemont High School,  
7676 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, California. The  
fall term commences September 11, 1961.

[redacted]  
Los Angeles, California, born [redacted]  
[redacted] California

Credit Record:

RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information  
identifiable with [redacted]

Identification Record:

The following identification record on [redacted]  
[redacted] aka, was obtained from the LAPD. The record,  
dated April 28, 1961, was compiled by the Bureau of Criminal  
Identification and Investigation (CII), State of California,  
Sacramento, California, CII No. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]

<u>ARRESTED</u> <u>OR REC'D</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u> <u>AND NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
11/16/51	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	From Los Angeles Co. Juv Crt Nov. 1952, Paroled May, 1955, Dischg

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9/24/57 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

9/26/57 SO, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

11/6/57 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

3/19/58 PD, San  
Francisco  
[redacted]

3/28/58 PD, San  
Francisco  
[redacted]

5/17/58 PD, San  
Francisco  
[redacted]

8/7/58 PD, Oakland  
[redacted]

11/26/58 PD, Denver,  
Colo [redacted]

1/10/59 PD, Denver,  
Colo [redacted]

5/30/60 PD, Chicago,  
Ill [redacted]

6/26/60 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

8/10/60 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

11/27/57,  
NOT GUILTY

11/27/57,  
NOT GUILTY

11/7/57,  
Rel.

3/20/58,  
60 DS.  
Co. J1, SS.

5/20/58, E/R  
Oakland,  
Disch.

8/25/60,  
30 DS.  
Co. J1.  
JS 1 yr.

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8/23/60 PD, Oakland

9/14/60 PD, Los Angeles

4/20/61 PD, Los Angeles

9/15/60,

Rel. [redacted]

PC, Not  
deemed  
arrested

Complaint  
not issued.  
Released.

The identification record lists the following  
aliases for [redacted]

Los Angeles, Calif.  
DOB [redacted]  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
I-61 M-35. Colo.

Los Angeles, born [redacted]

Ohio [redacted]

Credit Record:

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RMCA files. Los Angeles. contained no information  
identifiable with [redacted]

Identification Record:

The records of the LAPD contained the following  
identification record on [redacted] dated  
April 28, 1961, compiled by the Bureau of Criminal  
Identification and Investigation (CII), State of California,  
Sacramento, California, CII No. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 25, 1961

<u>ARRESTED OR REC'D</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT AND NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
3/23/54	St. Athletic Comm. Sacramento [redacted]	[redacted]		
3/1/55	PD, Los Angeles [redacted]			
5/7/57	PD, Los Angeles [redacted]			Rel. 5/13/57
5/13/57	PD, Los Angeles [redacted]			Total bail \$557 5/28/57, F to P, 1 yr. Co. J1, SP, 3 yrs. prob.
5/13/57	County Probation Dept., Los Angeles. [redacted]			5/28/57 1 yr. CJ, SS, 3 yrs. Prob. 5/27/60, Exp.
6/4/57	PD, Los Angeles [redacted]			
6/25/57	PD, Los Angeles [redacted]			7/8/57, Dism.
7/1/57	SO, Los Angeles [redacted]			7/8/57, Dism.
7/10/57	PD, Los Angeles [redacted]			8/23/57, NG
7/10/57	PD, Los Angeles [redacted]			9/19/57, NG

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 25, 1961

11/5/57 County Probation  
Dept., Los  
Angeles [redacted]

12/30/57,  
Proc. SS;  
3 yrs Prob.  
12/29/60, Exp

11/6/57 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

12/30/57,  
3 yrs prob.  
10 mos. Co.  
Jl., Restn,  
CC W/Sent  
being Srvd.

8/23/58 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

8/26/58, Rel.

8/26/58 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

8/27/58,  
90 Das.

11/9/58 SO, Los Angeles.  
[redacted]

Released  
Exp. 8/16/59

8/18/59 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

No dispositio  
shown for  
traffic

2/16/60 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

6/15/60,  
10 mos. Co.  
Jl. CS

4/20/61 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

Released

7/25/61 PD, Los Angeles  
[redacted]

Released

[redacted]  
Los Angeles, California, born [redacted]

[redacted] New Jersey

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Credit Record:

RMCA files, Los Angeles, contained no information  
identifiable with [redacted]

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 25, 1961

Identification Record:

The identification files of the LASO contained no record on [REDACTED]

The identification files of the LAPD disclosed that [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] New Jersey. was arrested by the LAPD on [REDACTED] on a [REDACTED] disposition not shown. The records further disclosed that there are presently [REDACTED] for the same individual. Her Social Security Number is shown as [REDACTED] LAPD No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California, born [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Illinois

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Credit Record:

RMCA files. Los Angeles. contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

Identification Record:

The identification files of the LASO and LAPD contained no record on [REDACTED]

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Date: 8/28/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (95-97032)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264B)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RM OF FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.

Re New Orleans airtel dated 8/21/61.

The following are cumulative costs incurred in this case in the New Orleans Division as of close of business, 8/26/61:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>
Agents	1021	592
Clerical	823	22

Miles driven: 5,438

3 - Bureau  
2 - New Orleans (1 - 157-264B)  
(1 - 44-1343)

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Approved: H. M. [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

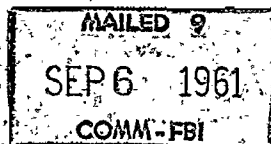
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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

Airtel 9/1/61, concerning the arrest of one  
[redacted] at Hammond, Louisiana.

You should submit pertinent details concerning  
this matter in letterhead memorandum form suitable for  
dissemination.

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Gram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/31/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/31/61 - 8/2/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961;</b> <b>GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL,</b> <b>JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI</b> <b>7/31/61</b> <i>Free Bus Misc</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>gas</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM - CR</b>	

## REFERENCE

New Orleans teletype to Bureau 7/31/61.

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## LEADS

### NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of

## ADMINISTRATIVE

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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[REDACTED] was one of a group of Freedom Riders arrested at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 6, 1961, which arrest is reported in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated June 20, 1961 at New Orleans, captioned "FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, TRAILWAYS BUS NUMBER 5131, New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi, June 6, 1961" - RM;CR (NO 157-288).

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DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

## Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: August 31, 1961.

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: 157-360

Bureau File No.:

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL,  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 7/31/61

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

[redacted] arrived Jackson, Miss. via Greyhound Bus at 6:05 p.m. 7/31/61. Was arrested by Jackson PD officer at Greyhound Terminal when he failed to obey the orders of officer to move on after he had entered the colored waiting room. Was charged with breach of the peace. No incidents at time of arrest. Was tried in Jackson Municipal Court 8/2/61 and after NG plea was convicted of violation of Section 2089.5 Miss. Code. Was sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200.00. [redacted] had been previously arrested as Freedom Rider at Jackson, Miss. on 6/6/61 and was free on appeal Bond at time of instant arrest.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by Chief Detectives, M. B. PIERCE, Police Department Jackson, Mississippi, on July 31, 1961. He advised that [redacted] a lone Freedom Rider had been arrested on July 31, 1961 at the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Jackson.

Date August 4, 1961

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

On July 31, 1961 the regularly scheduled Greyhound Bus from Memphis, Tennessee, arrived at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, at 6:05 p.m. A white male later identified as [redacted] was observed by Patrolman [redacted] Jackson Police Department, getting off the bus. [redacted] walked directly into the colored waiting room of the Greyhound Bus Terminal and entered the phone booth. Patrolman [redacted] approached [redacted] and ordered him twice to move on. When [redacted] refused to obey the orders of Patrolman [redacted] placed him under arrest on a charge of breach of the peace. PIERCE advised that there were no incidents in connection with the above arrest.

PIERCE advised that [redacted] had been previously arrested as a Freedom Rider at Jackson, Mississippi on June 6, 1961 when he had arrived at the Trailways Bus Station with a group of Freedom Riders. According to PIERCE, [redacted] had been convicted on June 6, 1961 on a charge of breach of the peace and had been sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and serve four months in jail in connection with the first arrest. He said that [redacted] had been released on a \$500 cash appeal bond on June 24, 1961.

PIERCE furnished the following descriptive data concerning [redacted] from Police Department records:

Name  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Build

Wisconsin

ADDRESS

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On 7/31/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 157-360

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON:gas Date dictated 7/31/61



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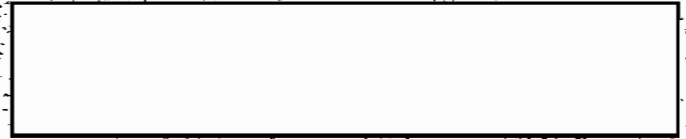
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Occupation

Student, University of  
Wisconsin

Parents



Arrest record

Claims no prior arrest record.

Date August 8, 1961

Chief of Detectives, M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 2, 1961, for violation of Section 2089.5 of the Mississippi Code. He entered a plea of not guilty. He was convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. According to PIERCE, [redacted] would be confined to the Jackson City Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of [redacted] trial.

On 8/2/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 157-360

by SA HUNTER E. HELGASON:gas Date dictated 8/2/61

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DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)

DATE: 8/31/61

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FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (157-34)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

Re Memphis letter to Bureau 8/23/61.

[redacted] (protect with T symbol) advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] is assigned to [redacted] and that the company records carry him as [redacted] operating in Buffalo and vicinity.

On 5/20/61, the Buffalo Courier Express Four Star Edition carried a news item under Birmingham, Ala., date line 5/19/61, concerning the attempt of MARY MC COLLUM, age 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WALTER C. MC COLLUM, 122 Roycroft Blvd., Snyder, Mo., to ride on an integrated bus from Birmingham, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala. MARY MC COLLUM was taken into protective custody by the Birmingham Police on arrival and released to the custody of her father on 5/19/61. On her release her father brought her back to Buffalo by plane.

[redacted] was a student at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., and was with a group of students supporting bus integration, according to the news item.

No other information Buffalo files.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDERS 1961, ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 30, 1961</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>lrs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RM; CR</b>	

CC TO: *CSA*  
REQ. REC'D *8-18*  
**MAR 10 1975**  
ANS.  
BY: *mbd*

CC TO: *CSA*  
REQ. REC'D *7-24-67*  
**FEB 3 1967**  
ANS.  
BY: *W.E. nsh*

## REFERENCES:

Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 7/13/61.  
New Orleans teletypes to Bureau, 7/30/61.

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DATE *1-23-90* BY *SP1/ncw*  
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## LEADS:

LOS ANGELES DIVISION; SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

By copies of referenced New Orleans teletype to Bureau, July 30, 1961, the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices were requested to check indices, credit and criminal records for Freedom Riders mentioned in this report and furnish Bureau results of investigation.

An additional copy of this report is designated for Los Angeles for information in connection with Freedom Rider *[redacted]* on whom Los Angeles Office has reported considerable subversive data.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
COPIES MADE: 4-Bureau <i>FD 217 New Orleans</i> 2-Los Angeles (1- 157-267 Info) <i>9/11/61</i> (1- 100- <i>[redacted]</i> Info) 1-San Francisco (100-24927) (Info) 3-New Orleans (157-342) <i>[redacted]</i>		<b>157- 387- 1014</b> <b>EX 101</b> <b>50 SEP 14 1961</b>

*1cc to Dept, Rbl: pr, 9/7/61*  
*1cc org. unit*

NO 157-342

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION:

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event that the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished the United States Attorney, Jackson.

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By airtel dated July 31, 1961, the New Orleans Office forwarded letterhead memo to Bureau concerning Freedom Rider [redacted] reportedly an employee of the United States Post Office, Los Angeles, California.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Copy to:**

**Report of:** SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
**Date:** 8/30/61

**Office:** NEW ORLEANS

**File Number:** NEW ORLEANS (157-342)

**Title:** FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY  
30, 1961

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1-23-90 BY SP1/ACM

**Character:** RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

**Synopsis:** Fifteen Freedom Riders identified in details of report arrived Jackson, Miss., via ICRR at 10:10 A.M., 7/30/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at ICRR Depot when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD Officer to move on. All charged with breach of the peace. No incidents at time of arrests. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/31/61, and after not guilty pleas were convicted of violation of Section 2087.5, Miss. Code. All sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to Miss. State Pen, Parchman, Miss., on 8/1/61. Three Freedom Riders in this group released on bond on 8/18/61.

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**DETAILS:**

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information from the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

By communication dated July 13, 1961, the Los Angeles Office advised that information had been received on that date that a group of Freedom Riders sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), planned to leave from Santa Monica, California, on July 28, 1961. Ten persons were scheduled to participate in the Freedom Ride.

By communication dated July 28, 1961, the Los Angeles Office advised that the group of Freedom Riders mentioned above had reservations for 9:00 P.M., July 28, 1961, via Southern Pacific Railroad, but canceled the reservations because not enough coach space was available.

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By communication dated July 28, 1961, the Los Angeles Office advised that the Freedom Riders mentioned above have reservations for sixteen persons departing Los Angeles 2:30 A.M., July 29, 1961, via Delta Airlines Flight scheduled to arrive at New Orleans, Louisiana, 8:44 A.M., July 29, 1961.

By communication dated July 29, 1961, Los Angeles Office advised that fifteen Freedom Riders departed via Delta Airlines as mentioned above.

NO 157-342 /cjo

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS:

On the evening of July 28, 1961, [redacted] New Orleans, telephonically advised that [redacted] had contacted her from Shreveport, Louisiana, and requested that she notify SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS that he had been advised that 18 Freedom Riders would leave Los Angeles by plane at 2:30 A.M. on July 29, 1961 for New Orleans, that these persons intended to go to Jackson, Mississippi. She did not have the date of the trip to Jackson.

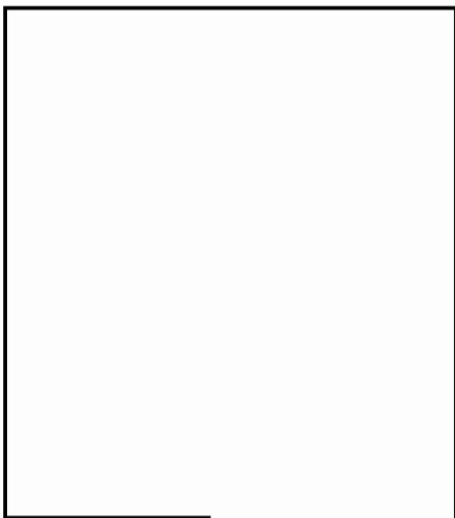
At 7:50 P.M. July 28, 1961 Sergeant [redacted] Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department, was advised of the above information.

At 10:30 P.M. July 29, 1961 [redacted] CORE, New Orleans, telephonically advised that the fifteen Freedom Riders, who had arrived from Los Angeles, would take the 7:10 A.M. Illinois Central Railroad Train to Jackson on July 30, 1961. He said that there might be one additional rider, but that he had nothing definite at that time.



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On July 29, 1961, [redacted] CORE,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted SA [redacted]  
[redacted] and advised that the following fifteen Freedom Riders  
had arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, July 29, 1961:



[redacted] advised that this group of Freedom Riders  
will depart for Jackson, Mississippi at 7:10 A.M., July 30,  
1961, via Illinois Central Railroad.

Date 8/4/61

Sergeant [redacted] Intelligence Division, New Orleans Police Department, advised that the fifteen Freedom Riders had boarded Illinois Central Railroad train. The City of New Orleans, without incident. He stated that [redacted] was not making the trip and in his place was [redacted] male, age [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, a student. The Freedom Riders were in car 2611 on the train which departed at 7:10 A.M.

On 7-30-61 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-342  
by SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS /cjo Date dictated 7-31-61

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Date 8/4/61

The Freedom Riders, fifteen in number, were observed aboard Illinois Central Railroad Train, The City of New Orleans, which departed at 7:10 A.M. Five officers from the New Orleans Police Department were present at the station. The riders were in car 2611, the next to the last car on the train.

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Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 30, 1961:

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Colonel T. B. BIRDSOING, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA JAMES W. HERVEY.

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA JAMES W. HERVEY.

[REDACTED] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA JAMES W. HERVEY.

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON.

[REDACTED] Special Agent, Illinois Central Railroad, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/4/61b6  
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The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi on July 30, 1961:

The regularly scheduled Illinois Central train from New Orleans, Louisiana was seen to arrive at the depot at 10:10 A.M. Approximately two or three minutes after the arrival of the train, a group of individuals were seen to congregate on the platform near the stairway leading down to the waiting rooms.

Approximately two minutes later, this group, consisting of nine white males, one white female, four colored males and one colored female were seen to enter the white waiting room and seat themselves.

It was at this time that Captain [ ] Jackson, Police Department, was observed speaking to the group. After speaking to the group, Captain [ ] and several other Police Officers were seen escorting the group from the waiting room and into a waiting patrol wagon. No unusual incidents were observed during the above described series of events.

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On 7/30/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 157-342  
by SA JAMES W. HERVEY /cjo Date dictated 7/30/61

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/3/61

The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 30, 1961:

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At 10:10 A.M., the regularly scheduled train from New Orleans, Louisiana, arrived. A group of individuals consisting of nine white males, one white female, four Negro males and one Negro female, came down the steps from the train platform. They entered the white waiting room as a group. They walked from the rear entrance of the white waiting room toward the main street entrance. As they neared the main street entrance, they stopped and the majority of the individuals in the group took seats on a bench, some remained standing.

Captain [ ] Jackson Police Department, approached this group. He ordered them to move on. When no one in the group responded, he again ordered them to move on. No one in the group moved and Captain [ ] then advised the group that they were all under arrest. At this point, uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department who were present with Captain [ ] approached the group and obtained the names of the individuals in the group. These individuals were then escorted to a waiting police patrol wagon by officers of the Jackson Police Department.

There were no incidents in connection with the above described arrests.

On 7/30/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 157-342

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/lrs Date dictated 7/30/61

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/3/61b6  
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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:10 A.M., on July 30, 1961, by Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department. PIERCE advised that this was a group of Freedom Riders who had arrived at Jackson by train from New Orleans, Louisiana. The entire group had entered the white waiting room of the depot and were ordered to move on by Captain [redacted]. When they failed to obey the orders of Captain [redacted] they were arrested on a charge of breach of the peace and transported to the City Jail where they were booked. PIERCE said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name	[redacted]	
Jackson Police Dept. #	[redacted]	
Residence	[redacted]	
	Los Angeles, California	<u>MISS</u>
Date of Arrest	July 30, 1961	<u>LA</u>
Charge	Breach of Peace	
Race	[redacted]	
Sex	[redacted]	
Age	[redacted]	
Date of Birth	[redacted]	
Place of Birth	New York	
Height	[redacted]	
Weight	[redacted]	
Eyes	[redacted]	
Hair	[redacted]	
Complexion	[redacted]	
Build	[redacted]	
Occupation	Student, UCLA, Los Angeles, California	
Marital Status	[redacted]	
Father	[redacted]	
Mother	[redacted]	
Education	3 years college, UCLA, Los Angeles, California	
Comments	Member American Civil Liberties Union	

On 7/30/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 157-342

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/lrs Date dictated 7/30/61

NO 157-342

Name  
Jackson Police Dept. #  
Residence

Los Angeles, California

Date of Arrest

July 30, 1961

Charge

Breach of Peace

Race

Sex

Age

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

California

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Complexion

Build

Occupation

Student, University of  
California, Los Angeles,  
California

Marital Status

Father

Mother

Education

6 years college, University  
of Colorado and UCLA, Los  
Angeles, California

Name

Jackson Police Dept. #

Residence

Los Angeles, California

Date of Arrest

July 30, 1961

Charge

Breach of Peace

Race

Sex

Age

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Illinois

Height

Weight

Eyes

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Complexion

MISS, LA.

MISS, LA.



NO 157-342

Build [redacted]  
Occupation Student, UCLA, Los Angeles,  
California  
Marital Status [redacted]  
Father [redacted]  
Mother [redacted]  
Education 3½ years college, UCLA, Los  
Angeles, California  
Comments Picketed Democratic Convention,  
Los Angeles, California, 1960

Name [redacted]  
Jackson Police Dept. # [redacted]  
Residence [redacted]

Date of Arrest July 30, 1961  
Charge Breach of Peace

Race [redacted]

Sex [redacted]

Age [redacted]

Date of Birth [redacted]

Place of Birth Kansas

Height [redacted]

Weight [redacted]

Eyes [redacted]

Hair [redacted]

Complexion [redacted]

Build [redacted]

Occupation Student, UCLA, Los Angeles,  
California

Marital Status [redacted]  
Father [redacted]

Mother [redacted]  
Education 4 year college, UCLA, Los  
Angeles, California

Comments Admits picketing democratic  
convention, Los Angeles, 1960,  
picketing Woolworth, Los  
Angeles (no date), member of  
CORE and NAACP

Name [redacted]  
Jackson Police Dept. # [redacted]  
Residence [redacted] Berkley 4,  
California

NO 157-342

Date of Arrest	July 30, 1961
Charge	Breach of Peace
Race	
Sex	
Age	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	California
Height	
Weight	
Eyes	
Hair	
Complexion	
Build	
Occupation	Student, University of California, Berkeley, California
Marital Status	
Father	
Mother	
Education	High school, 3½ years college, University of California, Berkeley, California

Name		
Jackson Police Dept. #		
Residence		Los Angeles, California

Date of Arrest	July 30, 1961
Charge	Breach of Peace

Race	
Sex	
Age	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Height	
Weight	
Eyes	
Hair	
Complexion	
Build	
Occupation	Student, UCLA, Los Angeles, California

Marital Status	
Father	
Mother	

MISS, LA.

NO 157-342

Comments  
Education

Admits picketing - Santa Monica  
High school, 4 years college,  
2 years graduate - University  
of California, Los Angeles,  
California

Name  
Jackson Police Dept. #  
Residence

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Los  
Angeles, California

Date of Arrest  
Charge

July 30, 1961  
Breach of Peace

Race  
Sex

Age

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Complexion

Build

Occupation

Marital Status

Father

Mother

Education

1/2 year college, Los Angeles  
City College, Los Angeles,  
California

MISS. LA.

Name  
Jackson Police Dept. #  
Residence

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Los Angeles,  
California

Date of Arrest  
Charge

July 30, 1961  
Breach of Peace

Race

Sex

Age

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Illinois

MISS. LA.

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Complexion  
Build  
Occupation

[Redacted]

Student, UCLA, Los Angeles,  
California

Marital Status  
Father

[Redacted]

Mother  
Education

4 years college, Los Angeles  
City College and UCLA

Comments

Admits peace walk, Los Angeles,  
1954; picketing Belgium Consulate.  
Los Angeles, 1960

Name  
Jackson Police Dept. #  
Residence

[Redacted]

Santa Monica,

California

Date of Arrest  
Charge

July 30, 1961  
Breach of Peace

Race  
Sex  
Age

[Redacted]

MISS, LA.

Date of Birth  
Place of Birth

Arizona

Height  
Weight

[Redacted]

Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion

Build  
Occupation  
Marital Status  
Father

Student, UCLA, Los Angeles

[Redacted]

Mother  
Education

High school, 4 years college,  
UCLA, Los Angeles, California,  
Hebrew Union College, Hollywood,  
California

Name  
Jackson Police Dept. #  
Residence

[Redacted]

Los Angeles, California

MISS  
LA

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Date of Arrest  
Charge  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation

July 30, 1961  
Breach of Peace

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Pennsylvania

Student, Santa Monica City  
College, Santa Monica,  
California

Marital Status  
Father

[Redacted]

Mother  
Education

High school, 1½ years college,  
Santa Monica City College,  
California

Comments

Admits picketing Santa Monica,  
California department store in  
1960

Name  
Jackson Police Dept. #  
Residence

[Redacted]

California Los Angeles,

Date of Arrest  
Charge  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build

July 30, 1961  
Breach of Peace

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Pennsylvania

ORE  
MISS  
L.A.

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Occupation	Student, University of California, Los Angeles, California
Marital Status	
Father	
Mother	
Education	5 years college, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, and UCLA, Los Angeles, California
Comments	Picketed democratic convention Los Angeles, 1960, member of NAACP and CORE

Name	
Jackson Police Dept. #	
<u>Residence</u>	New Orleans, Louisiana
Date of Arrest	July 30, 1961
Charge	Breach of Peace
Race	
Sex	
Age	
<u>Date of Birth</u>	
<u>Place of Birth</u>	Louisiana
Height	
Weight	
Eyes	
Hair	
Complexion	
Build	
Occupation	Student, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Marital Status	
Father	
Mother	
Education	High school, 3 years college, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Comments	Is member of NAACP and CORE

*MISS*

NO 157-342

Name  
Jackson Police Dept. #  
Residence

[REDACTED] Los

Angeles, California

Date of Arrest

July 30, 1961

Charge

Breach of Peace

Race

Sex

Age

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

[REDACTED]

MISS

LA

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Complexion

Build

Occupation

Marital Status

Father

Mother

Education

[REDACTED] Alabama

School teacher - unemployed

[REDACTED]

High school, 5 years college,  
Alabama State College, Montgomery,  
Alabama.

Prior Arrests

Arrested, Police Department,  
Montgomery, Alabama, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Arrested, Police Department,  
Montgomery, Alabama, charged

[REDACTED] fined \$9.00.

Name  
Jackson Police Dept. #  
Residence

[REDACTED] Los

Angeles, California

Date of Arrest

July 30, 1961

Charge

Breach of Peace

Race

Sex

Age

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

[REDACTED]

MISS; LA

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

[REDACTED] Texas

NO 157-342

Complexion [REDACTED]  
Build [REDACTED]  
Occupation Student, University of California  
Los Angeles, California

Marital Status  
Father  
Mother

[REDACTED]

Education 4 years college, University of  
California, Los Angeles,  
California

Name [REDACTED]  
Jackson Police Dept. # [REDACTED]  
Residence [REDACTED] Los  
Angeles, California

Date of Arrest July 30, 1961  
Charge Breach of Peace

Race  
Sex  
Age

Date of Birth  
Place of Birth

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Complexion

Build

Occupation

[REDACTED]

California

*MISS, LA*

Marital Status  
Father

[REDACTED]

Mother  
Education

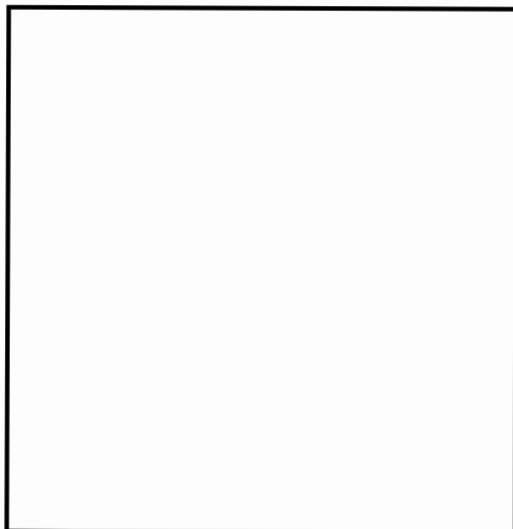
one year college, Los Angeles  
City College  
Member of CORE

Comments



Date 8/3/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 31, 1961:



PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

On 7/31/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 157-342  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/lrs Date dictated 7/31/61

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On August 21, 1961, Deputy [ ] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bond on August 18, 1961. These bonds are all returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1961, according to [ ]

[ ]  
The following investigation was conducted by IC [ ]

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

On August 23, 1961, [ ] New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, advised that a search of his records failed to reflect any information identifiable with [ ]  
[ ]

On August 23, 1961, [ ] Identification Bureau, New Orleans Police Department, advised a search of her records failed to reflect any information identifiable with [ ]  
[ ]

On August 23, 1961, [ ] Clerk, Record Room, New Orleans Police Department, advised that their records reflect the following:

[ ] age [ ] born [ ]  
address [ ] Louisiana, was  
arrested on March 21, 1961. Police Item Number [ ]  
charged with Article [ ]  
Disposition - dismissed. Arresting officers were Patrolmen [ ]  
[ ] Place of arrest - 2829 Gentilly Boulevard.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>0 FREEDOM RIDERS 1961</b> <b>Trailways Bus</b> <b>New Orleans, Louisiana to</b> <b>Jackson, Mississippi</b> <b>8/13/61</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	<b>mh</b>  <b>b6</b> <b>b7C</b>

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Synopsis

## REFERENCE

New Orleans teletype to Bureau, 8/13/61.

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## LEADS

By copy of retel the New York Office was requested to check indices, credit and criminal records on [redacted] and to furnish results of investigation to Bureau.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

A copy of this report is being designated for I&NS, New Orleans, due to the reported alien status of [REDACTED]  
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b7CReport of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 8/31/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: 157-367

Bureau File No.:

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi  
August 13, 1961Character: RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

Two Freedom Riders. [redacted] and [redacted] who is a reported [redacted] arrived Jackson, Miss., via Trailways Bus at 6:00 PM, 8/13/61. Both arrested by Jackson, Miss., at Trailways Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. Both charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. Both tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 8/13/61, and after NG pleas, were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. Both sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. Both confined Hinds County Jail, Jackson.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by Captain [redacted] Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 13, 1961. He advised that two Freedom Riders had been arrested at the Trailways Bus Terminal at Jackson on that date.

August 18, 1961

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Police W. D. RAYFIELD, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, made available a report contained in the files of his department, which was prepared by Detective Sergeant [ ] and Detective Sergeant [ ] on August 13, 1961. The report disclosed the interview of [ ]

[ ] The report stated that [ ] advised these two officers that she and three other girls left New York City about three weeks ago to go to San Francisco California. When she got to Georgia, [ ] saw signs on doors indicating colored or white and saw colored people and white people segregated and it made her sick. She went on to New Orleans, Louisiana, and contacted CORE in an effort to do her part. She stated she had been working in New Orleans as [ ] part time worker and had also been quite active in CORE and the NAACP and has done a lot of work for them in their office. She also passed out handbills for them. She stated she was arrested in New Orleans for this charge. She furnished to the police officers interviewing her copies of two of the handbills she had distributed in New Orleans. One of the handbills relating to hiring Negroes by Puglia's store in New Orleans and the other related to a boycott of NOPSI. This latter one urged the non-use of natural gas, electricity and transit services in New Orleans. It urged that this boycott start at 12:01 AM on August 23, 1961. She stated that she is out on \$50.00 bond in New Orleans, Louisiana.

[ ] also advised the officers that her Mother is a housewife and her Father is a wood machinist in a factory [ ] She said she has never filed papers for [ ] and had no idea when she would file. She left New York City by bus and passed through Jackson, Mississippi, en route to New Orleans. The other girls did not share her views on the race question and they went on to San Francisco, California. [ ] said she has attended several workshops in New Orleans and came to Jackson for the purpose of being arrested and going to jail. She said she is paying her own way, and is a member of [ ] and is not an atheist. She said she does not belong to CORE but plans to join.

This same report disclosed an interview by these same two officers with [ ] who advised the officers that he had just completed high school in New Orleans

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by SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND /mh Date dictated 8/14/61

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this past June and has been working at Cotton Compress Company in New Orleans but quit his job last Friday for the purpose of coming to Jackson to get arrested. He has been living with his mother and father. His father works at the [redacted] in New Orleans and his mother is a housewife [redacted]. He plans to go to Southern University in Baton Rouge in January. He is paying his own way and does not belong to CORE but is planning to join. He has attended several workshops in New Orleans and that is where he met [redacted]. They both wanted to come and decided on riding to Jackson together. He said he was arrested in New Orleans by a Negro policeman. He was watching a fight and this policeman ordered him to move on but he failed to do so and was arrested on a charge of refusing to clear the walks and resisting arrest. The charge was later dismissed. He stated that he is a Baptist and not an aethiest. He bought a one way ticket to Jackson and did not want bond or even the advice of a lawyer.



Date August 18, 1961

Chief of Police W. D. RAYFIELD, Police Department, Jackson Mississippi, made available a police report contained in the files of his department which was dated August 13, 1961, and was prepared by Patrolman [redacted]. The report disclosed that Patrolman

[redacted] arrested [redacted] at 6:08 PM on August 13, 1961, at the Trailways Bus Station in Jackson, Mississippi, on a charge of breach of the peace. The report showed that both subjects arrived on the Five Star Bus from New Orleans, Louisiana, at about 6:05 PM, leaving the bus in Dock Number 8 at the east end of the Station. The Subjects went together to the White waiting room in the bus station. As they got to the first door, it was being held open by a Bus Driver who was on his way in. Patrolman [redacted] told both Subjects to move on, but neither of them made any move. Patrolman [redacted] told them again, to move on, but they still stood there. He asked the Subjects if they were going to obey his order and they said they had come in on the bus and were going to sit down. At that time Patrolman [redacted] placed them under arrest on a charge of breach of the peace.

A part of the report prepared by Patrolman [redacted] describes Subjects as follows:

[redacted] born [redacted]  
[redacted] address: [redacted] New York,  
New York; height [redacted] feet [redacted] inch; hair, [redacted] eyes, [redacted]  
mother [redacted] father [redacted] complexion, [redacted]  
occupation, student at [redacted]  
[redacted] in New Orleans, Louisiana

[redacted] born [redacted] at New Orleans,  
Louisiana; address: [redacted] New Orleans; height [redacted] feet [redacted] inches;  
hair [redacted] eyes [redacted] complexion, [redacted] father, [redacted] mother,  
[redacted] marital status, [redacted] occupation, [redacted]

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Date August 18, 1961

Captain [ ] Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi advised that the two Freedom Riders whose names are set out below were arrested at 6:08 PM August 13, 1961 in the white waiting room of the Trailways Bus Terminal at Jackson. He said both had arrived several minutes before their arrest on a Trailways bus from New Orleans, Louisiana. They entered the white waiting room of the terminal and had been ordered by Patrolman [ ] Jackson Police Department to move on. When they did not obey his order they were both arrested and charged with breach of the peace. [ ] said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrest.

[ ] Furnished the following information from the Police Department records concerning the two arrested.

Name  
Jackson PD#  
Residence

[ ]  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
August 13, 1961  
Breach of Peace

Miss

Date of arrest  
Charge  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation  
Marital Status  
Father

[ ]

Louisiana

Mother

Education  
Prior Arrests

12th grade, no college  
Arrested Police Department  
at New Orleans, 1959--  
refused to move on.

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Name  
Jackson PD#  
Residence  
Date of Arrest  
Charge  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation  
Marital Status  
Father

Mother

Education  
Prior arrests

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted] New York

August 13, 1961  
Breach of Peace

[Redacted]

CAL  
GA  
LA  
MISS

12th Grade  
Arrested by NOPD  
handing out pamphlets  
August, 1961, released  
\$50 fine.

According to [Redacted] neither of the above two have  
been previously arrested as Freedom Riders in Jackson. He  
said that [Redacted] told him she was [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Date August 18, 1961

The following observations were made at the Jackson Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 13, 1961. The regularly scheduled bus from New Orleans arrived at 6:00 PM. Of the passengers alighting, a Negro male entered the white waiting room of the bus depot. He was followed in by two Patrolmen of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department. The patrolmen were seen speaking to the Negro Male and a white female he had joined. These individuals were escorted out of the white waiting room and placed into a police car. No incidents were noted.

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by SAS [redacted] Date dictated 8/13/61

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Date 8/29/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, at 3:00 PM, August 15, 1961;



PIERCE advised that both of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. Both entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. Both were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, both would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, to serve out their fines and sentences.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of this trial.

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by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 8/22/61

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On August 31, 1961, the Immigration & Naturalization Service, New Orleans, was advised of the fact that [redacted] was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, as a Freedom Rider connected with the Congress of Racial Equality. She advised the Jackson Police Department of the fact that she is [redacted]

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Malone  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Ingram  
Miss Gandy

URGENT

9-6-61

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS

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~~FREEBID RIDEERS - MISCELLANEOUS~~  
FREEBUS. FR [REDACTED] TRIED AND CONVICTED IN HINDS COUNTY

COURT, JACKSON, SEPT. SIX. SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS JAIL AND  
FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. WAS RELEASED ON ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR  
APPEAL BOND PLUS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS COST BOND. FIVE FR  
PRISONERS RELEASED ON FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CASH APPEAL BOND AND  
ONE FR PRISONER RELEASED AFTER PAYMENT OF BALANCE OF FINE  
SEPT. SIX. IDENTITIES FOLLOW BY AIRTEL. TRIAL FOR FR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENTLY IN PROGRESS IN HINDS COUNTY COURT.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, SEPT. SIX- NO FR ARRESTED  
AT JACKSON SINCE SEPT. FIVE SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE  
SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND FROM MUNICIPAL COURT TWO SEVEN FIVE.  
RELEASED ON BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT FOUR. PAID FINES EIGHT.  
RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED  
AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE  
ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT  
ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF FINE AFTER WITHDRAWING APPEAL TWO.  
NET IN CUSTODY TWO TWO. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS  
COUNTY JAIL.

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CC [REDACTED]